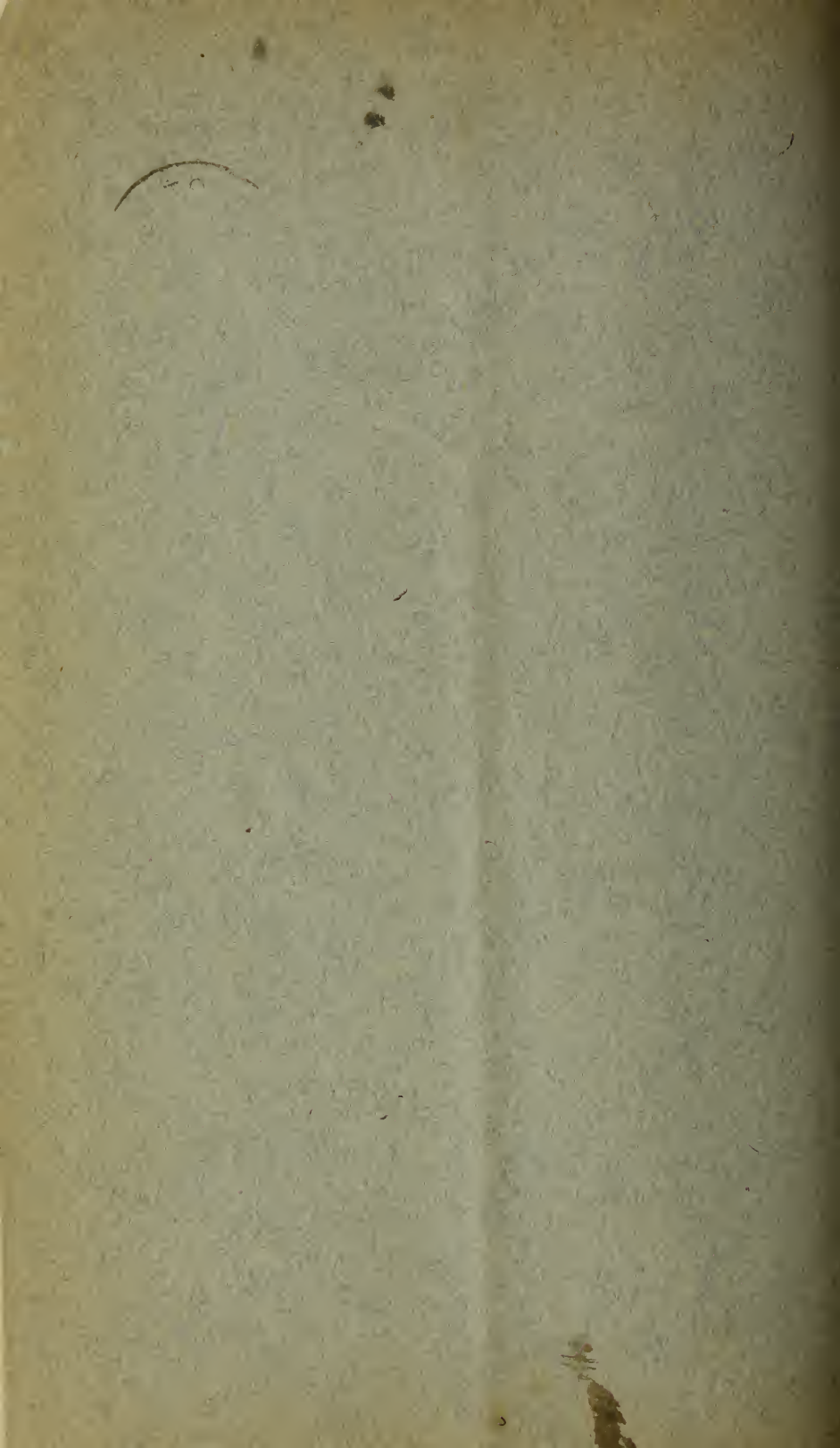




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To the Legislature of the State of California:

The Park Commissioners herewith present a report of their management of the grounds under their charge for the year ending November 30, 1880:

On account of the change by the Constitution, relating to the meetings of the Legislature, the Park Commissioners have thought proper to make this report so as to enable their successors to hereafter conform to Section 6 of an Act to provide for the improvement of Public Parks in the City and County of San Francisco, approved April 4th, 1870.

The following exhibits show correctly the receipts and disbursements for the twelve months above mentioned:

Exhibit "A"—Receipts and disbursements from November 30, 1879, to November 30, 1880.

Exhibit "B"—Detailed statement of disbursements from November 30, 1879, to November 30, 1880.

Exhibit "C"—Statement of the number of visitors to the Park from November 30, 1879, to November 30, 1880.

Exhibit "D"—Number of accidents from November 30, 1879, to November 30, 1880.

Exhibit "E"—Number of arrests made from November 30, 1879, to November 30, 1880.

Exhibit "F"—Number of animals impounded from November 30, 1879, to November 30, 1880.

Exhibit "G"—Donations to the Park from November 30, 1879, to November 30, 1880.

The improvements for the year consist of the construction of a drive beginning at the "Main Drive" and ending near the Conservatory, being 725 feet in length, 30 feet in width, and ending in

a concourse 100 feet in diameter, at a cost of \$424.40. The construction of a drive from Park Avenue to the top of Buena Vista Park, a distance of 1000 feet, and 22 feet in width, and ending in a concourse about 50 feet in diameter, from which a beautiful panoramic view may be had in clear weather; this improvement was paid for out of the "Bush Fund." There were also constructed 3025 feet of walks 10 feet in width, and 5245 feet were re-macadamized at a cost of \$1304.30. There were about 13,800 feet of drives re-macadamized, varying in width from 30 to 90 feet, at a cost of \$3866.20.

The repairs needed on Point Lobos Avenue, to keep it in the proper condition, have cost for the year \$747.25.

The erection of two earth closets on Golden Gate Park has cost \$654.93, and the construction of sheds \$762.07. The erection of 100 Park settees, \$893.07. Terrace steps and railing at the concourse near the Conservatory, were built at a cost of \$354.50. The improvements in the Conservatory have been a railing around the Lily Pond, and steps and flooring, which were so urgently necessary as to forbid their further delay. Thus far the Conservatory is the great attraction of the Park. For cost of Conservatory improvements see detailed statement.

The total length of drives constructed to date is about 50,407 feet, and of walks about 13,025 feet.

The sum of thirteen thousand three hundred and eighty-nine (\$13,389) dollars was deposited in the Nevada Bank to the credit of the Park Commissioners by Mr. David Bush of this city, being contributions by many citizens to what was called "The Bush Labor Fund," for the purpose of affording employment to persons in needy circumstances. This fund was utilized to the best advantage, and with its aid several important and requisite improvements were made, among the most prominent of which are the drive, or carriage approach to the Conservatory; the leveling of the hillocks in front of the Conservatory, thus preparing the ground for a lawn, and also affording a fine view of the structure from the main drive; and the drive up to the summit of Buena Vista Park, from which point an admirable view of the ocean, bay and surrounding country can be had.

There are remaining in the Park Nursery, November 30, 1880:

Trees and shrubs.....	45,000
Flowering plants.....	25,000

There have also been planted out during the year:

Pines.....	28,340
Blue gums.....	9,750
Trees and shrubs.....	5,000
Flowering plants.....	25,000
Totals.....	68,090

For the cost of propagation, maintenance and planting the same, see detailed statement.

There are remaining in the Nursery for the present season:

Trees and shrubs.....	59,090
Flowering plants.....	35,460
Pines for re-filling the Nursery.....	22,000

Total in Nursery November 30, 1880..... 116,550

There have been planted in the Park since November 30, 1880, to February 1, 1881:

Pines.....	19,500
Blue gums.....	10,000
Seedling Pines.....	25,200
Acacias.....	100

Total..... 54,800

There were donated by the Commissioners during the year to the following:

New City Hall—Trees and shrubs, and flowers of sorts....	475
Industrial School.....	200
Public Squares.....	38
Marine Hospital.....	118
Almshouse—Blue gums, about.....	50

Total..... 881

By reference to Exhibit "C" it will be seen that the number of visitors is largely on the increase. The Geary-street, Park and Ocean Railroad is somewhat responsible for this on account of the facilities provided by that Company for reaching the Park; it also demonstrates the fact that the Park is an institution of San Francisco in which her citizens feel deeply interested.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS McLANE,
WILLIAM ALVORD,
OLIVER ELDRIDGE,
Park Commissioners.

EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 30, 1879, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1880.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
From taxes.....	\$53,371 46	Improvement and maintenance...	\$51,263 20
Transferred from General Fund..	4,000 00	Salaries.....	3,600 00
Pound fees	99 00	Office rent.....	300 00
Police fines.....	80 00	Office expense.....	79 00
		Stationery.....	74 49
		General expense.....	354 92
		Printing.....	63 00
	<u>\$59,550 46</u>		<u>\$55,734 61</u>

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Dec., 1879, Received from taxes...	\$ 6,712 76	Dec., 1879, Am't demands audited,	\$5,088 15
" " Rec'd from pound fees.	29 00	Jan., 1880, " " "	5,108 05
Jan., 1880, Received from taxes...	31,376 84	Feb., 1880, " " "	3,756 30
Feb., 1880, " " " ...	193 47	Mar., 1880, " " "	3,490 05
Mar., 1880, " " " ...	655 08	Apr., 1880, " " "	6,730 45
Apr., 1880, " " " ...	1,823 47	May, 1880, " " "	3,558 35
May, 1880, " " " ...	1,074 54	June, 1880, " " "	6,121 57
" " Transferred from General Fund.....	4,000 00	July, 1880, " " "	3,691 60
June, 1880, Received from taxes...	23 24	Aug., 1880, " " "	4,502 50
July, 1880, " " " ...	10 33	Sep., 1880, " " "	3,772 55
" " Rec'd from pound fees.	70 00	Oct., 1880, " " "	5,933 59
Aug. 1880, Received from taxes...	12,507 51	Nov., 1880, " " "	3,981 45
Sep., 1880, " " " ...	857 57	Total amount disbursements for the year ending Nov. 30, 1880..	<u>\$55,734 61</u>
Oct., 1880, " " " ...	33 00		
" " Rec'd from police fines.	80 00		
Nov., 1880, Received from taxes...	103 65		
Total receipts for the year ending Nov. 30, 1880....	<u>\$59,550 46</u>	See detailed statement of disbursement.	

59,550.46
 55,734.61

 3,815.85

EXHIBIT "B."

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH, 1880.

Construction of drive, Conservatory Valley, labor	\$124 40
Construction of drive Buena Vista Park, labor (balance).....	168 50
Construction of walks, labor.....	1,304 30
Repairs and maintenance of drives, labor	5,866 20
Repairs and maintenance of walks, labor.....	50 00
Repairs and maintenance of bridle path, labor.....	12 50
Repairs and maintenance of Point Lobos Avenue, labor.....	747 25
Surveying, labor.....	62 80
Grading and preparation of grounds, labor.....	2,739 01
Drainage—Sub. and surface, labor.....	61 20
Drainage—Sub. and surface, material.....	50 83
Repairs and maintenance of water pipe extension, labor.....	44 25
Repairs and maintenance of water distribution, labor.....	332 85
Repairs and maintenance of water distribution, labor and material.	289 00
Repairs of watering apparatus, labor.....	9 80
Repairs of watering apparatus, labor and material.....	55 25
Repairs and maintenance of buildings, gates and fences, labor.....	1,021 65
Repairs and maintenance of buildings, gates and fences, material.....	110 75
Repairs and maintenance of Conservatory, labor and material	30 50
Repairs and maintenance of buildings, gates and fences, Buena Vista Park, labor	17 00
Repairs of Rolling stock, labor.....	97 60
Repairs of Rolling stock, labor and material.....	134 00
Repairs of tools and implements, labor.....	83 20
Blacksmithing and sharpening and repair of tools and implements, labor and material.....	151 18
Repairs of harness, labor and material.	51 60
Shoeing horses, labor and material.....	437 25
Stable attendance, labor.....	1,180 00
Sand reclamation, labor.....	110 50
Hauling soil, labor.....	704 35
Hauling soil from Byfield Rancho, labor and material.....	1,154 26
Hauling manure, labor.....	1,777 15
Hauling—Miscellaneous, labor.....	4 00
Cutting and hauling wood, labor.	20 65
Miscellaneous small work, labor.....	145 45
Miscellaneous carpenter work, labor.....	42 85
Miscellaneous carpenter work, labor and material.....	36 15
Miscellaneous clerical work, labor.....	662 00
Conservatory, labor.....	2,482 85
Guards—(Guards, police laborers, &c.).....	6,054 06
Construction of sheds at stable yard, labor.....	258 80
Construction of sheds at stable yard, material.....	503 27
Grading at stable yard, labor.....	195 00
Construction of earth closets, labor.....	355 15
Construction of earth closets, labor and material.....	299 78
Park settees, labor.....	92 75
Park settees, labor and material.....	800 32
Signs and guides, labor.....	21 75
Signs and guides, labor and material.	36 00
Hitching posts, labor.....	17 25
Terrace steps and railing, labor and material	354 50
Heating apparatus, labor and material.....	118 91
Planting trees, labor.....	860 35
Maintenance of tree plantation, labor.....	6,353 10
Maintenance of grass, labor.....	3,398 10
Maintenance of flowers, labor.....	842 90

Nursery, labor.....	2,435 20
Compost—Preparation of, labor.....	117 00
Destruction of rabbits and squirrels, labor.....	6 00
Stable stock.....	9 00
Nursery stock.....	184 00
Miscellaneous stock.....	17 00
General tools and implements.....	8 85
Plumbers' tools.....	5 38
Reaping, cultivating and garden implements.....	149 00
Hay and grain.....	1,332 84
Supplies—(Coal oil, soap, axle grease, &c.).....	137 43
Paints, oils and glass.....	94 03
Powder and fuse.....	121 00
Lumber.....	122 20
Hardware.....	213 33
Bricks.....	100 10
Lime and Cement.....	30 00
Water pipe and fittings.....	588 76
Watering apparatus.....	410 35
Seeds.....	45 05
Flowering plants, trees and shrubs.....	770 58
Miscellaneous items and material.....	14 35
Cartage.....	246 96
Coke and coal.....	869 72
Salary of Superintendent and Secretary.....	3,600 00
Office Rent.....	300 00
Office expense.....	79 00
General expense.....	354 92
Stationery.....	74 49
Printing.....	63 00
Total.....	<u>\$55,734 61</u>

EXHIBIT "C."

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE PARK
DURING THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1880.

MONTH.	Carrriages.....	Double Buggies..	Single Buggies..	Equestrians.....	Pedestrians.....	Total Vehicles...	Total People.....
1879—December.....	2,507	3,585	10,128	2,502	3,754	16,220	54,916
1880—January.....	3,172	3,807	14,033	3,038	5,092	21,012	71,166
February.....	3,121	3,545	12,913	2,613	10,080	19,579	71,430
March.....	3,667	4,162	14,356	3,313	23,542	22,175	93,380
April.....	3,043	3,692	12,425	3,172	20,494	19,160	81,146
May.....	4,081	4,336	16,700	4,185	45,574	25,117	125,110
June.....	3,353	3,499	12,557	2,948	24,735	19,409	85,910
July.....	3,670	3,666	14,651	3,086	131,678	21,947	200,605
August.....	3,934	4,217	14,833	3,148	139,403	22,984	211,503
September.....	3,579	3,654	14,155	2,946	134,660	21,388	201,770
October.....	4,437	4,395	16,715	3,260	158,090	25,547	237,991
November..	4,241	4,552	16,836	3,318	137,861	25,629	218,066
Total.....	42,745	47,070	170,302	37,529	834,963	260,167	1,652,993

EXHIBIT "D."

NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AT THE PARK DURING THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1880.

MONTH.	Saddle Horses	Vehicles	Individuals.
1879—December.....			...
1880—January.....			...
February.....			...
March.....		1	3
April.....			...
May.....			2
June.....			...
July.....		1	...
August.....		2	...
September.....			1
October.....			...
November.....			...
Total ...		4	6

EXHIBIT "E."

ARRESTS MADE FOR VIOLATION OF PARK ORDINANCES FROM NOVEMBER 30, 1879, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1880.

MONTH.	NUMBER.
1879—December.....	0
1880—January.....	1
February.....	5
March.....	0
April.....	1
May.....	0
June.....	2
July.....	1
August.....	3
September.....	1
October.....	4
November.....	3
Total.....	21

CAUSES OF ARRESTS.	NUMBER.
For assault with deadly weapon.....	1
Carrying deadly weapon.....	2
Obstructing sidewalk.....	1
Fast driving or riding.....	4
Violating Ordinance No. 7.....	6
Violating Ordinance No. 2.....	1
Discharging firearms.....	2
Other offenses.....	4
Total.....	21

EXHIBIT "F."

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF ANIMALS IMPOUNDED AT THE PARK
DURING THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1880.

MONTH.	Horses and Mules.	Cattle.	Goats.	TOTAL.
1879—December .....	.....	30	.....	30
1880—January	3	7	.....	10
February	1	.....	.....	1
March .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May	1	.....	.....	1
June .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	2	53	.....	55
August .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
September .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
October .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
November .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	7	90	.....	97

EXHIBIT "G."

DONATIONS FROM NOVEMBER 30, 1879 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1880.

NAME.	DESCRIPTION.
Messrs. Tubbs & Co.....	Collection of Orchids from Manila.
Mrs. A. M. Parrott.....	Seeds of Magnolia Grandiflora.
E. L. Sullivan.....	1 Cactus, rare.
Mr. Ball.....	Seeds of Hortenbergia.
Mr. John Benson.....	Seeds of Ceratonia Seligarea, or Carob.
W. T. Coleman.....	1000 Cork Oak Acorns.
George W. Beaver	Water Lily Seeds.
Mr. Wheeler	2 packages of Acacia Seeds.
Samuel P. Ely.....	Barbadine Seeds from Tahiti
.....	Seeds of the Cotton Tree.
.....	2 Cactus—Turk's Head.
.....	Arizona Tree—Cuttings and Seeds.
William Alvord.....	Orange Seeds from Panama.
.....	Calceolaria Seeds.
.....	Water Lily Seeds.
.....	605 choice Rose Plants.
R. R. Nuttall.....	Seeds of Leptospermum, Tasmania.
Mr. Healy.....	One Plant, Alacosia.
E. W. Burr.....	Tree Seeds in two varieties.
M. A. Forest, French Consul.....	Seeds, Mimosa Hamboyant.
J. M. Asher.....	Three Orange Trees, rare varieties.
Mr. F. Kolner, Queensland, Australia.....	Seeds of Eucalyptus Alscandrea Palm.
Mr. McLennan.....	Palm Seeds.
Mr. Wm. Lane Booker, H. B. M. Consul.....	2 Packages of valuable Seeds from India.
A. F. Stratton.....	Five varieties of Water Lily.

